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For: METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING SURFACE TREATED STEEL MATERIAL  
USING A CHEMICAL CONVERSION TREATMENT LIQUID (AS AMENDED)

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.97(e), the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that the references be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

As permitted by Rule 1.98(a), copies of the U.S. reference are not included herewith.

Applicants respectfully submit that each item contained in the accompanying Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication dated April 15, 2009 from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement, therefore, no fee is required.

Respectfully submitted,  
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